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Art Unit 2176

Re: Response to Restriction Requirement mailed 12/9/04

Application No. 09/981,882

Inventor: Charles Hooks

Apparatus and Method for Source Compression and Comparison

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement from the Examiner mailed 12/09/2004, applicant elects for further examination the invention construed by the Examiner to be set forth in claims 1 through 17 (designated by the examiner as Group I).

Applicant traverses the examiner's restriction requirement because the examiner has improperly classified applicant's invention in class 715 rather than in class 707, and because the examiner has not established a prima facie case that the claims in the three groups are distinct.

The examiner improperly classified applicant's invention in class 715. Class 715 does not address comparing two multiple lines of source code or text to determine additions, deletions, or changes. Applicant submits that such an invention may be appropriately classified in class 707, the generic class for data processing apparatus and corresponding methods for retrieval, organization, and maintenance of a file or database. Class 715, chosen by the examiner,

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